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**Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance****What Is Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance ?**

Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance is an education benefit for eligible spouses and children of certain veterans. Eligible persons can receive up to 45 months of benefits for:

- ✧ College, Business, Technical or Vocational Courses
- ✧ High School Diploma or GED
- ✧ Correspondence Courses (Spouses Only)
- ✧ Apprenticeship/Job Training
- ✧ Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)

Note: Program must be approved for VA training.

**Who is Eligible ?**

You must be the son, daughter, or spouse of:

- ✧ A veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must arise out of active service in the Armed Forces.
- ✧ A veteran who died from any cause while such service-connected disability was in existence.
- ✧ A service member missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force.
- ✧ A service member forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.

Generally, you must use this benefit within the following time periods:

- ✧ spouse/surviving spouse: 10 years from the date VA finds you eligible
- ✧ child: between ages 18 and 26

**Note: These time limits can be extended under certain circumstances. Call the toll-free number below for details.**

**How Much Does VA Pay ?**

The amount VA pays is based on the type of training program you're in, and your training time. Benefits are paid monthly. For example, VA pays \$485 monthly for full-time training at a college or university. If your attendance is less than full-time, payments are reduced proportionately.

**How Can I Apply ?**

When you find a program approved for VA training, you can apply by filling out VA Form 22-5490, Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance. Send it to the VA regional office with jurisdiction over the State where you will train.

**Related Benefits**

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| Special Benefits for Children with Disabilities | Educational Counseling Services |
| Education Loans (Spouses Only)                  | Tutorial Assistance             |
| Work-Study Benefits                             |                                 |

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